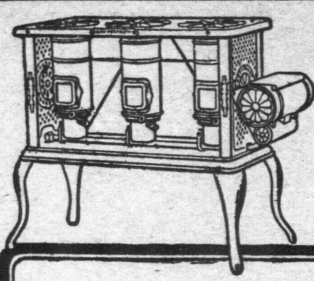


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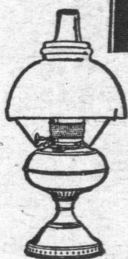
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### BULLETIN.

#### LOW-RATE NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSIONS.

"It soothes, while it awes the mind," is the phrase used by the great American author, Nathaniel Hawthorne, in writing of Niagara Falls, and its many phases of beauty and grandeur.

To those who have never viewed this magnificent spectacle, it will prove an enthralling revelation of majesty; beauty, and power that must remain forever a delightful memory.

Those who have once visited Niagara Falls and wandered amid its historic environments or viewed its varied scenes of wonder, delight to return to gather new impressions of the falling waters, the dashing rapids, and the great gorge.

This year the Pennsylvania Railroad will run a series of attractive personally-conducted excursions to Niagara Falls on July 3d and 17th, August 7th and 21st, September 4th and 18th, and October 9th.

Tickets will be sold at very low rates for the round trip, and will be valid for return passage within ten days.

A special train in charge of an experienced tourist agent, will be run on each date from Philadelphia, carrying parlor cars, dining car, and high-grade coaches.

Tickets will be good going on the special train and to return on any regular train within the time limit, permitting excursionists to stop off at Buffalo and view the beautiful metropolis of Lake Erie.

Full detailed information of this attractive series of summer outings may be had on application to Ticket Agents.

### CONTRACTS FOR MONSTER SHIPS

Secretary Accepts Proposals for the Delaware and Sister Craft

WASHINGTON, June 30th.—Secretary of the Navy Metcalf yesterday awarded the contracts for the construction of the 20,000 ton battleships authorized by Congress at its recent session and bids for which were opened ten days ago at the Navy Department. One of the ships will be built by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company of Newport News, Va., and the other by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company of Quincy, Mass. One of the vessels is to be named Delaware.

The bid of the Newport News Company was the lowest submitted, being more than \$1,100,000 lower than the proposal of the Cramp company and approximately three-quarters of a million dollars lower than the estimates made by the naval constructors for building a vessel in the Brooklyn or Mare Island Navy Yard. Accordingly it was out of the question under the construction placed on the law to have one of the ships built in a government yard.

The Newport News Company is authorized to construct one battleship under the Navy Department's plans and specifications for the hull and according to the contractor's arrangement for machinery, provided suitable modifications can be made in the plans of turbine machinery submitted by the shipbuilding company with its original proposal. Under these conditions the contract price will be \$4,000,000.

If the modified plans of contractor's machinery arrangement are not satisfactory to the department then the contract will be made with the Newport News Company for a 20,000 ton ship under the department's plans and specifications of both hull and machinery. In that event the price will be \$3,987,000. This last bid was the lowest of any submitted.

The contract for the other ship will go to the Fore River Company, whose proposal was next lowest. It provides for a vessel the hull of which is in accordance with the department's plans and specifications and the machinery of the Curtis turbine type. The contract price is \$4,377,000.

The guaranteed time for the completion of the ships is thirty-six months from the date of the contract with the Newport News Company, and thirty-four and one-half months with the Fore River Company. The ships are to be identical, except for the fact that the Fore River Company will use the Curtis turbines, while the Newport News Company will employ the Parsons type of turbines.

It is understood that an effort has been made by the Newport News Company to get permission from the Fore River Company, which has exclusive patents upon the Curtis turbines, to use them. In that event the boats would be identical, and it is probable that the Newport News Company would seek to have the price increased. This company realized as soon as the bids were opened that it might have been \$500,000 higher and still have been able to capture one of the prizes. The department was greatly surprised at the low figure named in the proposals and would not have regarded the terms as exorbitant had they been 10 per cent. higher.

Each boat will be 510 feet in length and eighty-five feet beam. The displacement at the time of trials must be 20,000 tons. The main armament will consist of ten 12-inch guns, so arranged that each gun will have a large arc of train on each broadside.

The new ships will be known as battleships No. 28 and No. 29, respectively. The department has decided to name one of them the Delaware. The name of the other has not been agreed upon, as there is a desire to have it called the New York. As there is an armored cruiser named for that state it is not improbable that the name of the cruiser may be changed to that of some city of New York and the big battleship bear the name of the Empire State.

Secretary Metcalf also decided today on the award of contracts for the armor for the two battleships, and in doing so followed the plans adopted last year by Secretary Bonaparte, of dividing the contracts among the three armor companies. Accordingly the Bethlehem company will furnish 3,602 tons, the Carnegie Steel Company, 2,545 tons, and the Midvale company, 2,230 tons. The price at which the armor will be supplied will be \$420 a ton for armor of class A, which forms the principal part of the contract, and \$400 a ton for the other classes. These were the prices named by the Bethlehem and Carnegie companies and were considered the lowest.

The bid of the Midvale company was based upon an arbitrary grouping of the required armor, according to difficulties and cost of manufacture, and was rejected by the department on the ground that the conditions were not equal with those under which the other companies bid. The Midvale company, however, has agreed to furnish armor on the same terms as the other companies and under the same conditions, and hence will have a part of the contract.

### OUTLOOK FOR PEACHES

From present indications, there will be about a third of a crop of peaches in Delaware this year, which is better than many of the growers had expected after the weather experience of the spring. A prominent Kent County farmer, in discussing the matter said he had examined his orchard and it appears to be in a healthy condition, with fair prospects, but he will consider himself fortunate if he gets one-third of what he considers a full crop, and he says that is the condition generally in his section of the State, and he believes that it applies to the remainder of the State.

WANTED.—A good white woman to take charge of house. Must come well recommended. Apply to

THIS OFFICE.

### USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Iron lace and needlework always on the wrong side, so as not to flatten the design.

To keep cheese moist, wrap in a cloth wrung out of vinegar, place in a paper bag and hang in a cool place.

When making coffee, add a pinch of salt after placing the coffee in the pot. The flavor will be much improved.

When mashing potatoes, add a little hot milk to the butter used. It will prevent the potatoes from being heavy and tasteless.

A quarter of a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda taken in a cupful of hot water after meals will often relieve indigestion.

When washing handkerchiefs, add a little borax to the last rinsing water. It will make the handkerchiefs easier to iron, and they will look better when done.

To keep the enamel of the bath in good condition, always put in a little cold water first. Very hot water makes it liable to crack and peel off.

When ironing, rub the iron with a cloth moistened with a little paraffin before using. If your iron is inclined to stick, rub frequently on sandpaper.

When baking soda biscuits or cakes, dissolve the soda in a little cold water. It will prevent the disagreeable lumps so often found in cakes, scones, etc.

When cooking green vegetables, do not cover the pot in which they are boiled or they will be a bad color. A small piece of common soda, the size of a pea, added to the water will make them a vivid green.

If you wish to read an inscription which age has obliterated on a silver coin, heat a poker red-hot and place the coin upon it. The inscription will plainly appear in a greenish hue, but will disappear again as the coin cools.

To clean irons that have become rough through bits of starch sticking to them, wash thoroughly in soap and suds, and they will then be beautifully smooth and clean, but be sure to dry them thoroughly afterward or they will rust.

When sewing, if you want a fresh piece of cotton, thread your needle before cutting from the spool and begin working at the end just severed. You will then use the thread the right way, and it will not be continually getting into knots.

For a burn, apply equal parts of lime-water and linseed oil mixed together till it looks creamy. A bottle of this mixture should always be kept on hand, as by applying the remedy promptly much suffering can often be averted.

Unused silver will keep quite bright if laid away in a box of flour. If brushed over with collodion after cleaning and kept in a case, silver will very seldom need polishing. To remove the collodion, wash in warm soapy water.

To mend an umbrella, moisten a piece of black court-plaster and stick it on the inside over the hole. It will not be so noticeable as a darn; and although the plaster may have to be renewed after the umbrella has been out in a hard rain, it is easily done.

An excellent polish for mahogany is made by placing in a bottle one-half pint each of linseed oil and turpentine, and one gill each of vinegar and methylated spirit. Shake well together until thoroughly mixed. Remember always to shake the bottle before using.

Lemons may often be used as a good household medicine. They are undoubtedly very excellent for biliousness. Lemons, however, should not be taken in their pure state, as their acidity will injure the teeth and the lining of the stomach. The proper way is to take the juice of one lemon in a cup of water without sugar. The best time to take such a dose is before breakfast or just before retiring.

Hot baths are of great use to those who suffer from nervous exhaustion. A warm bath at the close of a hard day's mental work is productive of sleep, but it is wisest first to apply cold water to the head, or at least to the brow. After severe physical exertion, such as climbing, walking, bicycling or riding, it is wise to take a hot bath before going to bed, so as to relax the muscles and prevent any sensation of stiffness on the following day.

To clean and brighten a shabby carpet cut an ounce of yellow soap into small squares, and make into a lather with a pint of boiling water. Add to this a quart of water and one ounce of borax. Place the mixture on the range, and bring it to a boil; then remove it, and when quite cold add an ounce each of alcohol and ammonia and half an ounce of glycerine. Wipe over quite a small portion of the carpet at a time, and rub vigorously with a clean flannel (which should be repeatedly turned as it gets soiled) dipped in the mixture, until all spots are removed and the color revived. When you have finished you will be delighted to find how nice your once shabby carpet looks.

Most people when building a fire lay the wood flat, cross over the paper in the bottom of the grate, but let them try placing the wood sloping from the sides of the grate to the centre. This forms a funnel for a free passage of air, and as the flame travels up the stick more quickly than it does across, the result is that fewer pieces are required, and the fire burns up more brightly and in half the time that it usually takes. Then when placing a lump of coal on the fire, if you wish it to last a long time lay it with the grain of the coal running across as the flame travels more slowly across than upward.

Beet-les will not prove so monotonous a diet to an invalid if a different flavoring is used each day, such as clove, bay-leaf or celery.

### WIN SUCCESS IN NURSING

The Best Paying Occupation—Free Scholarships

Nursing the sick is perhaps the most attractive field for the ambitious woman who would succeed and make the most of her opportunities. It is a refined occupation. It gives skill to the hand and grace to the heart. It is the best paying occupation now open to women, and presents an every widening field of opportunity. The call for nurses is a world-wide call. It is the one calling which is not overcrowded.

The demand for skilled nurses increases with the years. Thousands of young women have the natural graces of the skilled nurse, but have never had a chance to cultivate them, and so have been prevented from improving their own condition and blessing the race. But a new day has dawned. Large hearted philanthropists have opened wide the door of opportunity at the Philadelphia School for Nurses, 2219 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. A Two Years' Free Course has been established at this institution, wherein the student is provided with room, board, laundry, nurse uniforms and all the refinements of a good home, with suitable training, instruction and actual nursing in the homes of the poor and among people of moderate income, and at the end of the Course the student's fare home is paid.

The Term can be shortened to eighteen months by a Course of six months reading and study at home—a course which is very valuable in itself. Hundreds of young women, scattered all over the country, are studying in the work, becoming not only self-supporting, but a boon to their respective neighborhoods.

A Short Course is also provided for the woman who wishes to quickly prepare for self-support and a substantial income. Enrollment is now in progress for a class of four hundred students in the Resident Courses next year. Young women from the smaller towns and country districts are favored in the distribution of scholarships, with a view of conveying hospital knowledge to all rural communities.

### CENTRE OF POPULATION

When one considers how the centre of population of this country has shifted from the Chesapeake almost to the Mississippi within a century's time he is necessarily impressed with the rapid development of the West and the unmistakable westward course of the star of empire.

In 1790, when the inhabitants of the United States numbered but 3,929,000, the centre of population was about 23 miles east of Baltimore. The next census, ten years later, showed it to have moved about 40 miles westward and in 1820 it had crossed into Virginia. The next decade located it in West Virginia and was not until 1880 that it crossed the Ohio river. Thirty years and another state line was crossed and the centre of Uncle Sam's population reached Indiana.

The last census, that of 1900, locates the centre at a point some six miles southward of Columbus, Indiana and at that point an enterprising Indianapolis newspaper has erected a monument, proclaiming that there in 1900, according to the official census, was the centre of population of the United States.

Every governmental census, from the first one ever taken to the last, has shown a shifting westward of this "centre," in determining which Alaska and the insular possessions are not included, and it is noticeable that while the march of civilization has been but a trifling deviation from north to south.

The longest span in this shifting of the centre of population was between 1850 and 1880, when the jump was from near Parkersburg, W. Va., to near Chillicothe, O., a distance of some 81 miles; while the centre shifted but 14 miles between 1880 and 1900.

During the same period, from 1790 to 1900, the population increased from less than 4,000,000 to 75,559,258. Now figures, if all our possessions are included, reaches over 84,000,000.

### DISAGREE OVER FARM PURCHASE

The Trustees of Delaware College are said to be making an effort to cancel the purchase of the Dallett farm, for the Commission, appointed by the Legislature, recently negotiated at the price of \$20,000. The Legislature authorized an issue of \$20,000 of bonds for the purchase and equipment of a farm for experimental purposes for Delaware College. The purchase price of the Dallett property consumes the entire amount and leaves nothing for equipment. No question is raised as to the valuation of the Dallett farm, but the Trustees are to know where the money is to come from with which to erect necessary buildings, purchase cattle and implements, and otherwise equip the place. Some objection is raised also on the ground that the Dallett farm is too far removed from the College for the convenience of the students, and the plan of those opposing the confirmation of the deal is to secure a much smaller and cheaper place which lies only a few hundred yards from the town on the way to the F. B. & W. station.

### TWO CENTS A MILE

Passenger rates on all railroads of the United States will be reduced to two cents a mile. The lowering of the price and complete abolition of the old three-cent rates begin July 1st.

This was the decision reached in Chicago Saturday after a long and heated discussion by the leading railroad presidents of all the Western and trans-continental roads. It was not a formal agreement, but is equally binding, for two large roads doing a trans-continental business are said to have served an ultimatum to others that they would put the rate into effect immediately.

Following the meeting, officials of several of the roads admitted they had been forced to bow to public opinion and anti-trust legislation. They said that no further fight would be made on the two-cent issue already passed, and that the roads would accept the inevitable.

### WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29th, 1907.

The Capital is preparing to welcome another distinguished Japanese visitor. It is Admiral Baron Yamamoto, who is on his way to this country with five other distinguished naval officers. They have been making a tour of the naval countries of Europe inspecting armadas and dock yards and gathering statistics of naval power and ship building capacity of the various countries. Of course, this is not their ostensible object. They are merely informing themselves on modern practice in ship construction for the benefit of their home government. But it is well understood that it is not only the Japanese government will reap the benefit and his party will stay for some days in Washington and will include in their visit all the American navy yards from Brooklyn to Mare Island. This government is preparing to make their stay pleasant for them, and they will be shown all there is to see, and then they can go home and report on the advisability of surprising the United States with a naval attack without a declaration of war, as they did with Russia.

The Department of Justice has been watching with unusual interest the course of Judge Landis, of Chicago, who has a chance to impose on the Standard Oil Company the biggest fine in the history of courts and corporations. The Standard this week tried its usual method of dictating to the court what it should and should not do. The charge against the company is a combination in restraint of trade, and there are so many convictions against it that if the maximum penalty were imposed in each case, the aggregate would be the immense sum of \$29,624,000. Of course it is not likely that any such huge fine will be imposed. The Standard could pay it, of course, and the chances are that it would not begin to cover the amount the company has gathered by violations of law in the past ten years. But that the fine will be a stiff one is indicated by the fact that Judge Landis demanded to know the income and resources of the company before imposing it. He said in explanation that he always made a point of doing this in a case where the amount of the fine was optional with him. He did it, he said, as a matter of justice both to the public and the criminal. The attorneys for the company coolly refused to give the information, whereupon Judge Landis subpoenaed a number of the principal officers of the company including John D. Rockefeller.

The attorneys have been fuming and fusing to get him to recall these subpoenas, but Judge Landis said that he knew how to run his court and did not propose to be dictated to. The Attorney General approves thoroughly of the firm stand he has taken and the outcome of the contest is awaited with interest as an object lesson to the legal fraternity and corporations in general in their dealings with the courts.

The appeal that has been made to the President to take a hand in settling the telegraph strike is likely to bear fruit. Commissioner of Labor Neill, who seemed to have the things settled a week ago, is in communication with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the other officers of the Industrial Arbitration Commission that was founded by the President with his Nobel Peace Prize money for just such a case as this. If it is decided that the Commission shall take hold of the case, it will be the first time that it has interfered in a strike since it was established last October. Of course, it has no legal right to force arbitration on the contestants, but if the commission does a hint that the situation is getting out of hand and public policy demands a settlement, there is little doubt that the parties to the controversy will arbitrate. At the same time some of the Illinois representatives in Congress who happen to be members of the commercial telegraphers' union, are preparing a bill that will be submitted to Congress at the next session, providing for a thorough investigation of the whole telegraph problem with a view to recommending government ownership or government control.

As this country is the only great power in the world that does not own and operate its telegraph lines, there is enough that is tangible and practical in the suggestion to make the commercial companies feel a little nervous. At the same time, it must be said to the credit of the private companies now operating the telegraph lines, that the service all round is a good deal better here than it is abroad. The government service in England and her colonies is not first rate, and the situation on the continent of Europe, while a little better, is by no means so good as in this country. Though it should be remembered that telegraph service everywhere else is much cheaper than it is in America. Whether the government could or would exert itself as the private companies do in the press service is a serious question, and it is hardly to be supposed that with the government running the telegraph as it does the Postoffice there would be many of the record-breaking feats that are now accomplished in the transmission of news matters.

There has been another of the numerous stories set afloat about chase and impending revelations of scandal in the Panama Canal service. The present and particular story is to the effect that there is to be an entire reorganization of the Canal Commission owing to the discovery of graft and incompetence everywhere. One thing is very certain, and that is that Major Goethals and the other engineers of the canal have been associated with him in the work will not resign their jobs as so many of the civil engineers have done, and they will not leave the scene of their work till they are transferred by the War Department. Now Secretary Taft says that the story is made out of the whole cloth, and that he has no intention of removing anyone, though he may send some of the civil employees down from Washington to Panama to let them get more closely in touch with their work. The Secretary says that he and the President are going, and if they are satisfied it is not likely that the private interests who are trying to interfere with the work will be able to do much to hamper it except to circulate scandal stories. And they have become so used to doing this that it probably has become chronic with them and they may find it hard to stop.

### HOUSEHOLD LETTER

Mrs. Newlywed's Outdoor Room. How She Planned and Furnished It

Mrs. Newlywed was continually planning ways to make her simple little home more attractive and comfortable, and she wanted an outdoor living room or veranda, so furnished that it could be used for this purpose.

A Summer at Bar Harbor permitted her to observe the way people of wealth and leisure furnished and used the verandas of their Summer homes, and she had stored up many suggestions for comfort and prettiness that would be quite as practical for her little home as for their large ones.

The Position of the Room Except for a small porch at the entrance to the house, and the tiny square balcony above it there was no veranda room on Mrs. Newlywed's house, so she planned to have one made that should answer her requirements, at the least possible expense. The house was square and she wanted the outdoor room placed on the south-east corner where it would adjoin the dining room and living-room.

A Wide, Roomy Structure She desired a wide, roomy veranda that would serve not only as a sitting-room, but as an outdoor breakfast or dining-room when sultry weather made this desirable. A permanent roof 16 feet wide would have taken away all sunlight from her rooms, so she had an uncovered platform of that width made, with a tent-like awning of striped canvas for a covering. This was not only pretty but practical, for it was so arranged that it could easily be rolled up flat against the house, and taken down altogether when cold weather came.

It was besides, much less costly than a wooden roof and those who knew this young woman knew that she carefully considered her household expenditures, feeling that she and her husband must build for the future.

Window Boxes Along the top of the simple railing that enclosed the veranda, boxes were made and filled with earth. These were gay with scarlet geraniums and nasturtiums, easily grown, and that last well through the season.

Spill arm chairs that were comfortable and cheap constituted the greater part of the furniture.

The Floor Covering For the floor covering Mrs. Newlywed bought several Crax rugs, of the same material as the carpet that she had used inside for the hall and stairs. These she knew would stand hard wear excellently, while they would not be injured if a sudden shower should drench them, but would come out good as new when dried. The rug form permitted them to be easily removed for cleaning, and the pretty borders were decidedly decorative.

A Kitchen Settle A kitchen settle of the kind that can be made into a table with the removal of a couple of pegs—was stained green and supplied with a cushioned seat and many pillows of striped, cretonne. The same material was used for cushioning two or three low rockers, and several semi-circular baskets were tied to the arms of chairs or tacked against the house to hold books, papers, and various odds and ends.

The box in the lower part of the settle was utilized for similar purposes, and two or three small tables were useful when afternoon tea or evening refreshment was served.

A Pronounced Success "The Newlywed's Tent" as their friends called it was a pronounced success and many were the pleasant informal functions held under its sheltering canvas from the "Camp Party" given for a nephew of ten years, to the dainty afternoon tea when the grandmother of the hostess "Poured" and added much to the pleasure by the gracious charm of her presence.

TO LIVE WITHOUT COOKS Tired of the trouble their cooks made, eight west side women of Kansas City have set out to solving the domestic help problem, says the New York Sun.

A few days ago each of them discharged her cook, locked up her kitchen windows, put the pots and pans and plates away and joined the Colony Club.

A two-story house within a block of the homes of all the members was rented and Miss Anabel Harf, was employed as chef. Two other women were employed to help her. They live in the house. Each of the eight families has its own table, and each furnishes its own table linen and silver and contributes its quota of the kitchen utensils. The chef arranges the menus. At the end of each month the cost will be computed, and each family will pay its proportionate share.

So successful has the experiment proved already that several other families want to join.

### NEW INSURANCE COMPANY.

Because they think the present insurance rates are too high, Mayor Horace Wilson, City Treasurer Howard B. Ross and a company of eighteen other business men have organized the Delaware Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Marvel and Marvel are the attorneys for the company, and they sent the incorporation papers to the secretary of state Monday. The company intends to proceed at once with its business and has engaged a capable insurance man to have charge of its office.

The stockholders of the new company in addition to Mayor Wilson and City Treasurer Ross are Millard F. Davis, John S. Mullin, Jr., Samuel Slesinger, Joseph H. Mendinall, Morris Levy, George W. Todd, Thomas H. H. Messinger, Henry Wessinger, T. L. Husband, Lewis Field, James Meharg, Minox C. Smith, Alfred Gathright, David Cox, Walter Butler, John A. Cranston, William A. Jester, Joseph C. Parker and J. Rankin Armstrong.—Morning News.

### JUST SUPPOSING

There is very little doubt that the airship is an accomplished fact. What boots a year or two when time is flying as swiftly as it does nowadays?

But has anyone considered the new dangers that will follow in the wake of the machines? Does anyone imagine that life for him will be the old, carefree existence that it has been for most of us; that when the air is filled with iron and steel and wood, man will go his way, unheeding upper ether as of old?

Of course, in the very nature of things, the first to equip themselves with aerial racers will be the reckless devils who now run gasoline juggernauts on our highways.

Is it not easy to imagine what they will do when they get up in the air? Will life on the surface of the earth have any semblance of safety while "white eagles" and "red hawks," are careering in upper air, spilling out tools, and now and then an occupant?

In these pleasant days, if a man is walking about New York, all he has to think of are the trolleys, the motor cycles, the ordinary vehicles, the automobiles, the dear old horse cars and the other horse drawn vehicles, including the fire engines and the ambulances. If he is alert and spy his chance of life is as good as that of a soldier in a secondary skirmish. His adventures are all on the level, so to speak, and he can see what is coming without raising his eyes to heaven, a thing that mankind fell out of the habit of doing ages ago.

But with the upper air full of ships, full of people and many of the people full of the intoxication born of free life in the void, why, I would not write any pedestrian's insurance without charging a prohibitive premium.

Let us suppose two irresponsibles in an airship.

"Hand me that wrench, Bill. There's something the matter with this nut, and I want to take it off. Look out! Gee! you just missed hitting that chimney. Can't you steer? Oh, you careless idiot! What did you drop that wrench for? It struck the north light in that studio building. Let's get away quick. I'll bet that you've killed the artist at work—to say nothing of losing the only wrench we have. Hello, did you see that? An old chap fell out of that pink machine, and I'm blamed if he didn't grab the spire of Grace Church, and there he is!"

"Shall we rescue him?"

"Rescue nothing? What's the matter with his own people doing it?"

"Well, I'm going down after that wrench. I don't see any commotion around that studio building. Guess we didn't kill anyone."

The airship turns, goes back, drops until it is about five feet above the ground—glass north light, and then the man who dropped the wrench, making a cone of his hands, called out:

"Say, you artist below there, did you hear anything drop?"

A moment later a skylight is opened, and an excited man in a blue blouse makes his appearance.

"Did you drop that wrench?"

"Yes, awfully sorry. Did you find it?"

"I came near finding it on my head, and if you were in a balloon, instead of an airship, I'd put you out of commission. Confound you all! Life isn't worth living since you left the highways."

"Let's have the wrench, that's a good fellow."

### CANADA BEATS US

The foreign trade of Canada, says a writer in Harper's Weekly







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Mails Close as Follows:  
Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:40 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 5:40 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
Going South—5:40 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—7:20 a. m., 3:30 p. m., 11:30 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilston and Barville 8:30 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 6, 1907.

### Local News

Edison Phonographs and Records at Monro's.  
HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. C. GREEN.  
After June 1st the Library hours will be: Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30; Saturdays, 3 to 5 and 7 to 8:30.

Gold Crowns, Bridges and Platework made in my own laboratory. Dr. Johnson.

Your money returned if not satisfied with Almoca Coffee and Almoca Tea at BANNING'S.

FOR SALE.—One pair of heavy draft mules, sound.

J. C. ALSTON.  
100,000 Sweet Potato plants for sale. Leave order at store. E. J. STEELE.

LOST.—Ladies gold watch, suitable reward if returned to LEE'S PHARMACY.

I will keep at store cut flowers, also take orders for funeral work. E. J. STEELE, Store in Town Hall.

Up-to-date dental work at moderate cost. Dr. Johnson, Middletown.

Let us do your printing, no matter how small the order, and give us a chance to prove how well we can do it.

Dr. G. A. Burton, up-to-date Dentistry at very moderate cost. New method for extractions absolutely painless.

WANTED.—A good white woman to take charge of house. Must come well recommended. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

It is grown on a tree imported to this country, then roasted by our new special process and put in 1 lb. tin cans. Then sold by BANNING'S.

Wide-awake and no pain—either in extracting or filling teeth. Dr. Johnson.

Do not take that which is just as good from Mr. Merchant. It is the large profit he is after, but go and get Almoca or Duvid Blend Coffee at BANNING'S.

Columbia Disc and Cylinder Records for the month of July will be on sale Thursday, June 27th, at W. S. Letherbury's. Call and hear them played on the graphophone.

When your friend comes down the street in the morning with a smile on his face indicating his mother-in-law is dead, it's a mistake, he has had Almoca Coffee for breakfast 1 lb. tin cans only.

BANNING'S.  
The Rev. F. H. Moore will preach in the Armstrong Chapel on to-morrow, Sunday afternoon. Service begins at 2:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to be present.

"Wife" when you want to keep your husband in good humor, give him Almoca or Duvid Coffee for breakfast and Almoca Tea for dinner and supper; only at BANNING'S.

While playing tennis in Odessa on Monday afternoon Dr. W. F. Smyth, fell and fractured his left wrist. The fracture was a very painful one, but he is now improving.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending June 27th: Miss Henrietta Johnson, Mrs. Sallie Miller, Miss Adelaide Rhodes, Mr. J. Cordery, Mr. Charles Foster, Mr. Robert Waymon.

FOR SALE.—One mow, 1 spray pump, 1 drill, 1 potato planter, 1 hay rake 1 corn planter, 1 riding cultivator, and 1 weeder. Having disposed of my farm, the above articles are for sale, and can be seen at the residence of Mr. F. J. Pennington near Odessa. They are all in good repair.

W. E. LEE, Middletown, Del.

At a meeting of the officers and teachers of Bethesda M. E. Sabbath School, held on Sunday afternoon, it was decided to hold a picnic at Lorewood Grove the latter part of this month. The outings at this favorite little place on the canal have always proven most enjoyable, and is becoming more popular each year.

The Fourth passed off quietly in Middletown, there being nothing to draw the people here but the ball game in the afternoon, and several small displays of fireworks. Middletown was well represented in Smyrna, and the Fair given in that town by the Century Club was a great success.

Sunday last at Bethesda M. E. Church was devoted to patriotic services, it being "Stainless Flag Day." The pastor, Rev. G. P. Jones, preached a most eloquent and patriotic sermon. The church was tastefully decorated with the national colors, and presented a pretty scene. There was also music suited to the occasion by the choir.

The evening services of the Forest Presbyterian Church do not exceed thirty or forty minutes during the summer. On to-morrow (Sunday) evening, the subject of the Rev. F. H. Moore's sermon will be "The Golden Candlestick," and will be illustrated by a large brass duplicate which Dr. Moore brought from Rome. All cordially invited.

"A correspondent writes to the Bucks (Eng.) Advertiser that a farmer has found out that by planting onions and potatoes in the same field in alternate rows the onions become so strong that they bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes in such quantities that the roots are kept moist, and a large crop is raised in spite of drought. This sounds suspiciously American."—Ex.

The base ball fever has struck Middletown in earnest, and everybody is becoming interested. There is a movement on foot to have a game played during the coming week between the benedictine and bachelors. One of our ministers has consented to play with the married men and Mr. Walter Beaten will also don a uniform and hold down one of the important positions for the benedictine. The married men are all ready for a game, and if the bachelors have any sporting blood, Mr. Beaten is ready to hear from them.

The players must all be residents of our town, and none of the members of the regular team will be permitted to enter the contest. There will be no admission charged, but a collection will be taken for the benefit of the regular team.

Presiding Elder W. G. Koons will conduct the Quarterly Love Feast service in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow at 9:30 A. M., and preach the sermon at 10:30 A. M. At the evening service, 7:30 o'clock, the pastor will begin a series of homilies, for July and August, on the subject, "The Model Patriot." The exercises will be short and of general interest to all.

Five hundred bees swarmed at a hive in the apple orchard of David Moore near Dover Monday and attacked little Thomas Moore, who had entered the apple orchard in search of his mother. The little fellow fought until the bees stung him, and when his breathless mother reached the place where he was lying on his back, his face, legs and arms were black with bees. She rescued him with great difficulty.

DRAWER'S ANNUAL RE-UNION  
A large number of the friends of Old Drawers Church gathered together last Sunday to hold their annual re-union at the old church. Many came for the day, bringing lunch with them and eating picnic style.

Rev. R. L. Hallet, of Odessa, had charge of the services, and Rev. Mr. Allison, pastor of West Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, preached the sermon from the text, "Ye serve the Lord Christ," Col. 3, 24.

The music was furnished by Mrs. Warder R. Humphries, a member of Mr. Allison's church choir, and a former resident of this neighborhood, Joseph L. Gibson, of Odessa, Clarence E. and Frank N. Moore, of Philadelphia, and William D. Moore, of Odessa, presided at the organ and John W. Watkins played the cornet.

At one o'clock the yearly business meeting of the "Friends of Old Drawers" was held and re-elected all the officers—President, Daniel W. Corbit; vice-president, John V. Craven. Secretary, Miss S. Cornea Bowman; Treasurer, George Janvier; Trustees, Mrs. Lewis C. Vandegrift, Herbert H. Boyd, Isaac J. Woods, Clarence E. Pool and Howard A. Pool, the last named being the only newly elected trustee. Plans were made for the two hundredth anniversary to be held next year. Herbert H. Boyd, of Philadelphia, was made a committee of one to learn if it will be possible for the governors of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware to be present and take part in that anniversary.

The president of the "Friends," Mr. D. W. Corbit, introduced Mr. Alexander B. Cooper of New Castle, who was the orator of the afternoon. Mr. Cooper's address was exceedingly interesting and is well worth preserving.

Some of the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Janvier, Mrs. J. F. Boyd, Herbert H. Boyd and D. L. Dunning from Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cooper, J. H. Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Manlove, J. H. Rogers, of New Castle; Mrs. L. C. Vandegrift, Misses Dorothy and Frances Vandegrift, Christopher Vandegrift, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Humphries, of Wilmington; Mrs. Dr. Bellville, Misses Emma and Julia Clark of Delaware City.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY  
"George's Point," on the Bohemia, entertained at an informal dance on Monday evening, July 1st. The occasion was the twenty-first birthday of their son Samuel Hiram, who was the recipient of many useful and beautiful gifts. The large, roomy, old house, which has witnessed many other such festivities was thrown open to the guests and hospitality dispensed in true Maryland style. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, fruit, candy and lemonade were served in the dining-room. Guests were present from Middle Neck, Middletown, Warwick, the Levels, Bohemia Manor, Sassafras and Cecilston. They were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckworth, Mr. and Mrs. Wroth Manlove, Mrs. William Price, Misses Alice Clark, Margaret Price, Olive Fillingame, Minnie Smith, Mamie Merritt, Emma, Ethel and Eula Vinyard, Annie and Mamie Spear, Estella Bishop, Clara Price, Clara Duryea, Wilhelmina and Josephine Aiken, Lizzie Hudson, Emma Manlove, Alice, Teresa and May Dreka, Helen and Mary Davis, Mary Tarbotton, Emma Davis, Asa Lyman and Elizabeth Anderson and Messrs. John Buckworth, John Clark, Arthur Price, Amos Merritt, Kenneth and Ray Price, Charles and Howard Buckworth, Charles Stearns, Morris and Bennett Buckworth, Edgar Bishop, Price, Samuel and Hanson King, Elmer Price, John Alfree, George Pierce, Edward Buckworth, Charles Duryea, William Buckworth, James D. Davis, Harry and Richard Tarbotton, Julian Robinson, John Ernest, John Rosin, Harry and Morgan Robinson, Edward Manlove and James Davis.

At a late hour the guests left for their homes, sincerely wishing their friend many more such pleasant anniversaries.

THIS IS ALL WRONG  
If there be one better way than another to ruin a town, it is for those who live in it to go about apologizing for its existence. There are some who are always ready to say, by their actions at least, that this place don't amount to much. They will tell you that the town is dead; that no one would think of stopping here; that some town adjacent is more respectable, more enterprising, has better people, better enjoyments, is ahead of us in everything. This is all wrong. Even if it be true, no one should ever admit it, when it comes to making a comparison. Every good citizen of this town, should take a special local pride in all that pertains to home. The schools, the churches, the amusements, the business, pleasures, the picnics, the celebrations, in fact everything should be looked on by our own people as good as can be gotten up elsewhere. The town that says "we can," will always succeed. The town that says "Oh, I don't know, I don't think it will amount to much," is never of much force. If you have no local pride, borrow some.

FARMERS ATTENTION  
We are prepared to furnish for our warehouses at Middletown and Bear, Del., all brands of Phosphate and Material for the hog or ton, for Asparagus, Corn, Tomatoes and all other crops. Also Limestone and Spraying Oil. Get our prices before buying.

JAMES L. SHEPHERD.

### PERSONALITIES

Miss Sylvia Moore has returned from Cheltenham, Pa.

Mr. John R. Gill, of Swedesboro, N. J., visited relatives here this week.

Mr. Joseph Walker, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth at his home here.

Miss Clara Whitlock, of Philadelphia, spent the Fourth at her home here.

Mr. Albert Saunders, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with friends here.

Mrs. Earl Baum, of Delaware City, visited relatives in town on Tuesday.

Miss Lillie Carty, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents on Thursday.

Mrs. W. A. Comegys entertained Mrs. J. C. Highe and son, part of this week.

Miss Fannie Mabrey, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with relatives here.

Miss Bertha Pyle, of Kennett Square, is the guest of her parents on Lake street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Massey and little son, of Dover, are guests of relatives here.

Mr. Fred Beaton, of Wilmington, visited relatives near here part of this week.

Miss Emma Brown has returned from Philadelphia, where she spent several weeks.

Curie B. Holten, Jr., has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Holten.

Mrs. Carrie Farrell spent part of this week with her sister, Mrs. Ella H. Pennington.

Mr. Lloyd Bragdon, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bragdon.

Miss Katherine McFall is on a ten days' vacation at the home of her parents in Houston.

Mrs. W. V. Messick, of Smyrna, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pharo and two children have returned to their home in Camden, N. J.

Mrs. Julia Bruere Kelley, of New Egypt, N. J., is the guest of Mr. G. D. Kelley and family.

Misses Estella and Frances Beaton are visiting their aunt, Miss May Beaton, in Chester town, Md.

Miss Myrtle Houston is in Baltimore, Md., spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Naudain.

Miss Bernice D. Metten and Miss Mary Lewis are in Washington, D. C., guests of Miss Ethel Rowe.

Mr. T. G. Massey, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Ellason, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Letherbury.

Mr. W. J. H. Lingo, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his sisters, the Misses Merritt, on Crawford street.

Mrs. Daniel Bacon and son Leon, of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Crouch.

Miss Madge Corkran has returned to her home in Centerville, Md., after a pleasant visit with Miss Helen Biggs.

Master Frank Tyson left town last Saturday for Canton Ohio, where he will spend the summer with his father.

Mrs. M. A. Hall and daughter, Miss Elizabeth R. Hall are spending some time with Mrs. Hall's sisters in Philadelphia.

Miss Martha Roberts left on Monday for Cambridge, Mass. where she will spend three months with her sister, Mrs. T. A. Bordley.

Mrs. Julia Holten, Miss Elizabeth Holten, Miss Elizabeth Hopkins and Miss Mildred Holten spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Shapley, in Smyrna.

Miss Mary H. Maxwell and little niece, Anna Connelly are in Atlantic City where they will spend the summer with Miss Maxwell's sisters.

Mrs. Edwin R. Cochran, of Wilmington, has opened her house on South Broad street, and will spend the summer here. Her daughter Mrs. T. H. Hardcastle is visiting her.

Miss Bessie S. Anderson and nephew Charles Kelley will leave this week for Freehold, N. J., where they will visit Mrs. Alexander Moore, and later will go to Asbury Park, N. J., for a short stay.

Mr. D. L. Dunning, of Philadelphia, was in town this week, and received the glad hand of his numerous friends. He called at our office on Tuesday, and informed us that he has in his possession the first Transcript printed, which bears date of January 1st, 1868. Mr. Dunning is looking remarkably well, and is enjoying good health in the Quaker City.

### BASE BALL

Chesapeake City's ball team came over on Monday and defeated the local club by the score of 7 to 6. The home team was without its regular catcher, which was responsible for its defeat. The score by innings follows:

Middletown A. 2 0 1 0 2 1 0 6—6  
Chesapeake City 2 0 0 1 3 1 0 7—7

MIDDLETOWN 7—WILMINGTON 6  
The ball game on the Fourth between the home team and the A. C. club of Wilmington was witnessed by a large crowd and up to the seventh inning was a good clean contest. In the beginning of the eighth a decision of the umpire at second caused considerable kicking, and the game was ended at that time, with the score 7 to 5 in favor of the Middletown club. The score by innings follows:

Wilmington A. C. 2 0 1 2 0 0—5  
Middletown A. C. 0 0 0 3 0 4—7

### TEACHERS ELECTED

The Board of Education of Townsend held a meeting Monday and re-elected the staff of teachers for the ensuing school year, as follows: Miss A. R. Lawson, principal; Miss Helen Start, first assistant; Miss Catherine Ratledge, second assistant; Miss Anna M. Sharpless, teacher of the primary department.

Monday evening the school commissioners of the town of Odessa elected Miss Frances E. Husbands, principal, and Miss Marian Mifflin teacher of the primary department. The intermediate will be supplied with a teacher when a suitable one presents herself.

### ENGINEER KILLED AT TOWNSEND

Randall A. Spindler Jumped From His Train to Instant Death

While the fast freight train of which they had charge was speeding down the Pennsylvania railroad about 1 o'clock Thursday morning, Engineer Randall A. Spindler, aged 45 years, of No. 228 West Twenty-second street, Wilmington, and his fireman Charles Ellengworth, of No. 417 East Fourth street, also of that city, jumped off at Townsend, the engineer meeting instant death, his neck being broken by the fall and the fireman sustaining cuts and bruises about his entire body which will confine him to his home for sometime. Spindler leaves a widow and two children. He had been in the railroad service for twenty-five years and had been operating an engine for twenty years.

The accident is the most peculiar and mysterious that has ever occurred on the Delaware division. It is peculiar in the manner in which the engineer went to his death and the fireman to such serious injuries, and mysterious from the fact that the motive that caused the engineer to leap to death will never be known. Ellengworth jumped from the engine because he saw Spindler jump off. He can give no other reason for his action. The train of which they had charge is a fast freight and is known as D. 1. As the freight approached the station at Townsend another freight train, but one which was slower than the D. 1, had pulled into a northbound siding to permit the other to pass. It is thought that Spindler imagined he saw a red light which he took to be the rear end of a freight train just a head of his own locomotive.

However, as the freight drew into the station Ellengworth saw the engineer suddenly shut off the power, apply the brakes with all the force of which they were capable and then spring from his seat in the cab and jump to the ground. Ellengworth was busy about the fire box at the time and thought his engineer had seen a train directly ahead of them. As the freight was moving at high speed, he knew they could not stop within a very short distance, so, not wishing to be caught in any wreck, he, too, jumped to the ground.

Spindler was killed instantly. His neck was broken by the fall, and it is thought that he struck the ground on the back of his head. Ellengworth was tumbled along the tracks for some distance and was cut and bruised in numerous places about the body. The train came to stop of its own volition after it had slipped along the rails for several hundred feet, with the air brakes clumping the wheels and causing showers of sparks to fly from them.

ATTACKS YOUNG WOMAN  
HAYTER DE GRACE, Md., July 3d.—Miss Virginia Brown, 18 years old, daughter of Thomas Brown, a farmer living near this city, was attacked by a strange man about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon in her home. Mrs. Brown was alone in the house, her father being in the field a short distance away. When he returned to the house, about a half hour later, he found his daughter lying unconscious in the yard.

Miss Brown did not regain consciousness until about two hours later. She said that about 7 o'clock a strange white man came to the house and asked her for something to eat. She started to comply with his request when he pointed a pistol at her and warned her not to make any outcry. He then bound her hands and feet and proceeded to ransack the house. Taking a bunch of keys from his pocket he unlocked a desk and took what cash was there, amounting to about \$15.

Miss Brown endeavored to free herself, but could not. She screamed, whereupon the thief struck her on the head, rendering her unconscious.

Searching parties were formed to capture the miscreant. Miss Brown described the man as being about 30 years old, with blue eyes and short black hair. A stranger answering this description was arrested last night and looked up. Miss Brown failed to identify him and he was released this morning.

FENCE VIEWERS APPOINTED  
The Court of General Sessions, Tuesday morning, appointed the following fence viewers for the ensuing year:

Appoquinimink hundred—J. Alleton Harmon, George M. D. Hart, William H. Money, John W. McCoy, James McCarter, James K. Roberts.

Blackbird hundred—Samuel A. Armstrong, Richard C. Brockson, James A. Buckson, John A. Lett, John Lockerman, William J. Nowland, Millard F. Reed, Joseph Vaneppel.

Pencader hundred—Samuel Alrich, Jacob B. Casler, John W. Dayett, J. Sherman Dayett, John T. Wright, Charles Walton.

St. Georges hundred—Joseph Cleaver, William M. Cox, William R. Cochran, Charles Derriekson, James Jarrell, Howard A. Pool, Richard L. Price, James T. Shallock, Julian Cochran, Isaac J. Woods, Merritt N. Willis.

Red Lion hundred—Stewart L. Beck, Theodore F. Clark, Theodore Jones, John Lester, Frank Pordham, George W. Reybold, Thomas C. Reeves, Edwin Reybold.

DELMAS IS OUT OF THAW CASE  
New York, July 3d.—Harry K. Thaw's lawyers have given up the idea of trying to force District Attorney Jerome to put Thaw on trial in October. Lawyers Dan O'Reilly and A. Russell Peabody called on Acting District Attorney Smyth yesterday and announced that the application was made to Justice McCall last week, which was to get a court order directing that Thaw be tried in October. The lawyers said that they had made up their minds that Mr. Jerome has announced that Thaw would not be tried before October.

The lawyers said that as yet no chief counsel has been selected for him. "One thing is certain," said Lawyer O'Reilly, "the lawyer who will have charge of the case will not be from California."

Cure Blood, Skins, Disease Cancer Greatest Blood Purifier Free  
If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humor, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, rashes and bumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blot or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop and the blood is made pure and rich. Dropped or by express \$1 per large bottle. Sample free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases, as it cures after all else fails.

### ODESSA

Joseph Hanscom, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mr. D. Gilch.

Mrs. George E. Coggage was the guest of friends in Sundersville on Sunday last.

John Keegan, of Atlantic City, N. J., is visiting his parents, Mr. Keegan and wife.

Miss Margie Eaton, of Port Penn, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harrison Vandergrift.

Miss Marion Mifflin is entertaining her cousin, Miss Rachel Mifflin, of Ridley Park.

Miss Ethel Webb is spending sometime at Taylor's Bridge, guest of her friend, Miss Hilda David.

Mrs. H. Snape, of West Philadelphia, spent this week at the home of Miss Lizzie Morris.

Mrs. M. E. Voelkel, of Smyrna, is spending sometime at the home of Mrs. Eliza Appleton.

Moody Stevens attended the funeral of his uncle John T. Moody, in Wilmington on Sunday last.

William Wagner, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime here, the guest of his friend Alvin Rose.

William Townsend, of Delaware City, spent Sunday with his parents, George L. Townsend and wife.

Oliver C. Stevens who has been traveling through the south, is spending some time at his home here.

Master Milton Phillips left on Monday for Delanco, N. J., where he will visit his aunt, Mrs. George Kumpel.

Stanley S. Stevens and wife, of Delaware City, were the guests of his mother, Mrs. Alfred Stevens, on Sunday last.

Mrs. Harry Long and children, of Wilmington, are spending sometime at the home of Theodore Long and family.

Miss Louise N. Corbit has returned to her home here after spending sometime with friends at North Adams, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Davis entertained on Sunday last Fred Davis and wife, Miss Emma and Clyde Davis, all of Wilmington.

Miss Mary McClellan and Raymond Young, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday last with her grandparents, John Morris and wife.

Mrs. Laura Skellenger and daughter Lou, of Wilmington, spent Sunday last at the home of William H. Eccles and family.

Pierson B. Stevens, of Philadelphia, spent Thursday and Friday of this week at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. Stevens.

Mrs. Warden Humphreys and daughter, of Wilmington, were entertained at the home of John Watkins and family part of last week.

Mrs. R. J. Ford who has been spending sometime here, guest of relatives, returned to her home at East Orange on Friday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Webb entertained on Sunday last Mr. Wilmer Staats and wife, of Taylor's Bridge, and Miss Edith Ginn and Elmer Price, of the Levels.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Armstrong entertained on Sunday last their sister Mrs. Earl Baum, of Delaware City, and Mrs. Katherine Brice, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The Appoquinimink Tribe, Imp. Order of Red Men will attend the M. E. Church in a body to-morrow (Sunday) morning, and Rev. D. J. Given will preach a special sermon to them. The members of this order are requested to meet in Red Men's Hall promptly at 10 o'clock, the service beginning at 10:30. The public is cordially invited to be present.

A MARRIAGE CEREMONY  
We do not know where the Fredericksburg Free Lance got the following, but it is good enough to be reproduced. In the northwest part of our country there lies a well known Irish magistrate. A man of liberal education and full quota of genuine wit. A short time ago Jim and Bet, a colored pair, called upon the magistrate to be united for better or worse. The magistrate having been notified of their coming prepared and actually used the following ceremony:

"Jim will you take Bet, Without any regret, To love and cherish, 'Till one of you perish, And is laid under the sod So help you God."

All being answered in the affirmative by Jim the magistrate turned to Bet and said: "Bet will you take Jim And cling to him, Both out and in, Though thick and thin, Holding him to your heart, 'Till death do you part?"

Bet acquiesced by a modest bow of the head, and now the happy pair was dismissed as follows:

"Through life alternate joy and strife, I now pronounce you man and wife, Go up life's hill 'till you get to the level, And salute your bride, you black rusty devil."

CURRENT PRICES  
MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. R. FORD.  
Wheat—No. 1 . 95 Corn . 55  
Timothy Seed \$3.00 . cob . 55  
Clover Seed . 15 Oats . 50

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.  
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.  
Eggs, per doz. . 18@20  
Country Butter, per lb. . 32  
Creamery Butter, per lb. . 32  
Lard, per lb. . 11@14  
Live Chickens, per lb. . 12@15  
Potatoes . 70@75

NOTICE—DIVIDEND  
NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, OF ODESSA, DEL.  
July 3d, 1907.

The Directors have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF THREE PER CENT. clear of taxes, payable on and after the 10 inst.

JOSEPH L. GIBSON, Cashier.

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CARPENTERS wanted at once; good wages and steady employment.

Apply to  
JOHN H. M. GARNER, Contractor and Builder, Warwick, Md.

### BIDS FOR NEW ROADS

Lively Contest Expected for Work on the Various Highways

Contractors from many sections are expected to enter into a lively contest for the rebuilding of New Castle county highways, the bids for which will be submitted to Levy Court at its meeting on next Tuesday. Many inquiries have been received by Highway Commissioner Price, and Tuesday Mr. McManus, the contractor who built the electric road from Camden to Atlantic City, looked over the ground. Two other contractors from Central Pennsylvania called at the office of Commissioner Price in connection with the matter.

Nothing now stands in the way of the building of the roads, as the bond issue for the permanent improvement of the highways was disposed of Tuesday, when Park Terrel, manager of the bond department of the Columbia Trust Company, of New York, delivered the \$110,000 issue, printed by that firm and purchased by the Equitable Guarantee and Trust Company, of Wilmington. The bonds were signed by President Robert McFarlin, of the Levy Court; Winfield S. Quigley, clerk of the peace; Robert M. Burns, county treasurer, and Mr. Terrel, of the Columbia Company. The bonds run out in the following manner: 1926, \$10,000; 1927, \$10,000; 1928, \$10,000; 1929, \$10,000; 1930, \$10,000; 1931, \$15,000; 1932, \$15,000; 1933, \$15,000, and 1934, \$15,000.

In speaking of the new roads, Commissioner Price stated that by the first of August the work would be started and that the roads would all be completed before winter sets in. Altogether, there are about 22 miles of new roads to be constructed in the county in the number picked for the first to be improved under the new act. After the contract has been awarded for the road to be improved, five days are allowed for the contractor to sign it and ten days more are given in which to get to work.

Just before the close of the Levy Court Commissioner Hopkins, of the finance committee, informed the court that the bond deal which had passed in the morning had been satisfactorily disposed of. He stated that the full amount of the principal, premium and accreted interest had been paid and deposited in the Farmers' Bank.

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